

REMARKS

Applicants have studied the Office Action dated October 30, 2008 and have made amendments to the claims. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a) in that it places the application and claims in condition for allowance. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. By virtue of this amendment, claims 7, 14, and 20 are pending. Claims 1-6, 8-13, and 15-19 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 7, 14, and 20 have been amended. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 9-13, and 15-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Rangan et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0184534). Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rangan et al. in view of He et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,088,451). Claims 1-6, 8-13, and 15-19 have been canceled so these rejections are moot.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 7, 14, and 20 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 7, 14, and 20 have been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 7, 14, and 20 are in condition for allowance.

Although Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejections of claims 1-6, 8-13, and 15-19, Applicants have elected to cancel these claims solely for the purpose of expediting the patent application process in a manner consistent with USPTO's Patent Business Goals (PBG), 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (September 8, 2000).

While claims 1-6, 8-13, and 15-19 have been canceled from further consideration in this application, Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the cited references. The claim amendments and cancellations made herein are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner. Applicants

respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional patent applications.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and the claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (561) 989-9811 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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